Level 1-8
Two Frogs
Workbook

Teacher’s Guide and Answer Key
A. Summary

1. Book Summary

*Two Frogs* is a folktale about two frogs from Japan who want to see another city.

There is a frog from Osaka and a frog from Kyoto. The two frogs have the same idea. They want to see another city.

There is one road between Osaka and Kyoto. One frog hops north on the road. The other frog hops south on the road.

There is a mountain between Osaka and Kyoto. The Osaka frog and the Kyoto frog meet at the top of the mountain. They stop and talk to each other.

If they were taller, they could see both cities from the top of the mountain. So, they help each other stand up by putting their front feet on the other frog’s shoulders.

The frogs’ eyes are on the back of their heads, and that is a problem. They make a mistake. The frogs look back toward where they came from instead of looking toward the other city they are going to.

They think they see the other city, so they are disappointed that Osaka seems to look just like Kyoto and Kyoto seems to look just like Osaka.

They decide there is nothing new to see in the other city, so they go home. They never learn their mistake.

2. Section Summary

► **Pages 6-11:** The Osaka frog wants to see Kyoto. The Kyoto frog wants to see Osaka. They hop on a road and meet at the top of a mountain between the two cities.

► **Pages 12-17:** The frogs are short. If they were tall, they could see both cities from the top of the mountain. Each frog decides to put his front feet on the other frog’s shoulders to help him stand up. But the frogs forget that their eyes are on the back of their heads.
Pages 18-20: The Osaka frog looks at Osaka, but he thinks he sees Kyoto. The Kyoto frog looks at Kyoto, but he thinks he sees Osaka. The two frogs are disappointed because they think Osaka and Kyoto look the same. So, they hop home.

B. Background and Themes

★ Knowledge: If we do not know more about something, we will not know when we have made a mistake or that something is wrong. The two frogs do not know what the other city looks like, so when they think they see other city, they are disappointed because it looks just like the city they came from.

★ Mistakes: We can learn from our mistakes, but only if we are aware that we have made them. If we never know that we made a mistake, we will go through life making the same mistake over and over again. The two frogs did not know they made a mistake. So the next time they want to visit a new city, they may face the same problem.

★ Laziness: Laziness is not a good quality. It can lead to many problems. The two frogs were too lazy to travel all the way to the other city. They just wanted to go part way and look at the city from a distance. If they had gone all the way to the other city, they would have learned that the two cities look very different from each other.
Answer Key

Part A. Story Focus

Before You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Introduction
1. It comes from Japan.
2. It was told from person to person.
3. It is a folktale.

► Characters

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While You Read
(Answers may vary.)

► Beginning: Pages 6-11
A. Preview Questions
1. It is about two frogs from different cities in Japan.
2. I know the story called The Frog King.
3. I know it is an island nation in Asia.

B. Review Questions
1. Their idea is to see another city.
2. They hop on a road.
3. They meet on top of a mountain between Kyoto and Osaka.

► Middle: Pages 12-17
A. Preview Questions
1. It is about what the two frogs do when they meet.
2. I would rather travel with a group.
3. I would like to see Busan.

B. Review Questions
1. They are happy to meet each other.
2. They could see both cities from the top of the mountain.
3. He thinks they should help each other stand up.

► End: Pages 18-20
A. Preview Questions
1. It is about what happens when the frogs think they see the other city.
2. They should have hopped down the mountain and gone into the city.
3. I think it is better to go into the city and experience it.

B. Review Questions
1. They are disappointed.
2. They think the two cities look the same.
3. They go home.
Mini-Quiz

a. He who knows nothing doubts nothing.
   → If you don’t know any better, you will not question anything that seems wrong.

b. It takes all sorts to make a world.
   → Everyone is different, and that is what makes the world interesting and special.

c. Hunger is a good sauce.
   → All food tastes good when you are hungry.
After You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Pattern Practice
4. A: She looks just like my teacher.
   B: He looks just like my neighbor.
5. A: We look just like our parents.
   B: We look just like movie stars.

► Challenge
1. He wants to see another city.
2. They meet at the top of a mountain.
3. They stop and talk.
4. They are going home.
Part B. Skill Focus

Vocabulary Preview

A.
1. e  2. f
3. h  4. i
5. c  6. j
7. a  8. b
9. d  10. g

B.
1. a  2. b
3. b  4. a
5. b  6. b
7. b
Reading Comprehension

► Beginning: Pages 6-11
A.
B.
1. Osaka Frog
2. Kyoto Frog
3. Kyoto Frog
4. Osaka Frog
C.
1. b  2. d  3. a  4. b  5. c

► Middle: Pages 12-17
A.
B.
1. b  2. d  3. a  4. c
C.
1. c  2. c  3. d  4. c  5. d

► End: Pages 18-20
A.
B.
1. d  2. a  3. c  4. b
C.
1. b  2. d  3. a  4. c  5. a
Think and Write
1. city  2. hops  3. south  4. top
5. stand  6. mistake  7. toward  8. same

Vocabulary Review
1. another  2. road
3. between  4. tall
5. eyes  6. disappointed
7. nothing  8. same
9. toward  10. hop

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B.
1. Both frogs want to see another city.
2. The frogs meet at the top of the mountain.
3. The frogs help each other stand.
4. The frogs think there is nothing new to see.

Book Report

Story  d → e → b → c → a